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#### NOTICE

This issue of the Newsletter carries three important items for the consideration of the membership. On this and the following page are described changes in the By-Laws relating to membership qualifications. You are asked to vote on these changes before June 1st. Pages 3 to 5 carry announcements from the Divisional Program Committee which is proposing a number of newly developed types of papers and discussion groups for the annual meeting. Tembers who wish to participate in these meetings will be particularly interested in this detailed description. As a separate item enclosed with the Newsletter we are sending you the announcement and application blank for the 1954 Post-Doctoral Institute. If you are interested in enrolling for this Institute you are asked to return the application blank as soon as possible.

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DIVISION BY-LAWS

Article 9 of the Divisional By-Laws provides that an amendment to the By-Laws will be proposed by the Executive Committee. As indicated in the last Newsletter, the Executive Committee at its mid-year meeting concluded that certain changes in the standards of membership for the Division should be presented to the Divisional members for a vote. This Newsletter includes (Page 7) a ballot on which members can vote for or against the membership changes suggested by the Executive Committee.

An amendment may be adopted by a majority vote of the members replying on a mail ballot, which shall close not less than one month after the publication of the proposed amendment. Consequently ballots must be returned to this office by June 1, 1954, in order to be counted.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

For almost two years a special Sub-Committee on Membership Standards has been considering the philosophies underlying membership in Division 12. To the deliberations of this Sub-Committee have been added the experiences and troubles of various Membership Committees, which have felt that the present statement of membership requirements in the By-Laws does not necessarily reflect the standards which should govern their activities.

#### PLEASE VOTE ON THESE CHANGES, USING THE BALLOT, PAGE 7, BEFORE JUNE 1.

The questions of what constitutes "qualifying" experience in the clinical field, of What place or emphasis should be given to experience in research and teaching in the clinical field, and of the rather special position of persons who apply in abnormal rather than in clinical psychology have arisen perennially. These issues have been specifically explored by committees, and by members of this Division in reports and letters published in the Divisional Newsletter. Taking all of these reactions and attitudes into account, the Executive Committee has made two major decisions regarding changes in membership standards:

- 1. It has continued to accept the principle that the Divisional By-Laws should be stated in the most <u>general</u> terms possible; consequently the by-law changes proposed are stated in general rather than specific terms.
- 2. The Executive Committee has felt that each Membership Committee should have more concrete lists of requirements on which to operate, and that the membership should be aware of these requirements. The specific requirements, however, should be expected to change with time and to be susceptible of evaluation and judgment by Membership Committees. Therefore, these specific requirements are NOT proposed as part of the By-Law changes; rather they are listed on Page 3 of this Newsletter for the information of members of the Division and for the guidance of next year's Membership Committee.

Those By-Law changes on which we are asking you to vote involve only two alterations in membership requirements:

1. The Executive Committee is recommending that the "abnormal" pathway to membership in the Division be abolished. This is in line with a steady decrease in the number of applicants for this sort of membership over the years. There has never been more than a handful of such applications in any one year.

This means simply that the words "and abnormal" would be omitted from the By-Laws wherever they occur. Specifically, this would mean in the name of the Division, in the description of its purposes, and in the description of both Fellow and Associate membership. These changes are incorporated in the first 5 amendments, page 7.

2. In order to permit a broader interpretation of experience which qualifies applicants for membership in this Division, the Executive Committee proposes substituting "relevant experience" for "successful full-time clinical practice" in the minimum qualifications for Fellowship and Associateship. These changes are incorporated in the <u>last two amendments on the ballot</u>, page 7.

During our study of this matter, we have discovered that in one -- relatively minor -- respect the By-Laws of this Division are at variance with those of the AFA. The AFA By-Laws, of course, supersede those of any Division; consequently, we must automatically alter the phraseology of two statements in our present Article II. The point involved here is that of designating persons who are Fellows in the AFA. According to the 1951 AFA By-Law changes, Fellows are designated as Fellows of the Association, and not as "Fellow in such and such." In two instances the Division By-Laws designate persons as "Fellow in Clinical Psychology." We have changed those statements to the following:

Article II, Section 5, part (d): "In accordance with the By-Laws of the APA, persons elected as Fellows by the Division shall be nominated to the Association for election as Fellows of the APA, if they do not already hold Fellow status in the APA."

Article II, Section 2, part (b): "For nomination as a Fellow in the Division, satisfactory evidence of......"

The following principles were adopted as those which will guide the Membership Committee during 1954-55 in processing application blanks:

#### QUALIFICATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP

The necessary five years or its accumulated equivalent of relevant experience shall consist of:

- (a) A minimum of two years or its accumulated equivalent in an appropriate setting. "Appropriate setting" shall be defined as a setting where inter-disciplinary work is going forward. Such a setting should include a physician. Examples would be hospitals, outpatient clinics, child guidance centers, community agencies, and correctional institutions.
  - (b) Three of the five years may be from one or any combination of the following:

1) Clinical, child development, or personality research.

2) Teaching of graduate clinical courses where indirectly the applicant has been in contact with case materials and test results of normals with scholastic or emotional problems, or of patients with more acute problems.

3) Supervision of clinical work of students in field installations.

(c) One of the five years may be from independent practice only if the applicant has first satisfied the requirement under (a) above, and if the independent practice satisfies the Code of Ethics of the American Psychological Association.

#### QUALIFICATIONS FOR ASSOCIATESHIP

The necessary two years of relevant experience or its accumulated equivalent shall include one year in an "appropriate setting" as defined above. The relevance of the second year shall be left to the evaluation of the membership committee.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PROGRAM PATTERNS PLANNED BY THE DIVISIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Division 12 is experimenting with new program patterns and has planned 6 types of sessions.

#### A. Papers

Very few sessions will be scheduled for 12-minute papers. Abstracts conforming to APA rules must be accompanied by four copies of the complete paper, with author, sponsor (if any) and institution appearing on the first copy only. Theoretical papers, reports of major research projects and reviews of areas are encouraged.

#### B. Abstracts

Several Abstracts sessions will be scheduled in each of which several papers on related topics will be presented by abstract only with open discussion following. Authors will be present to answer questions and discuss implications of their findings. Submission of papers for these sessions will conform to APA rules. In addition, authors of selected papers will be requested to have available for distribution, at the APA meetings, copies of their papers or suitable summaries.

#### C. Symposia

Members are invited to suggest topics and/or persons whom they would like to see considered in planning. From such suggestions the Program Committee will organize several symposia. Individuals who wish to organize a symposium independently should advise the Program Committee Chairman of this intent in order to insure full consideration and coordination. APA rules and recommendations apply.

#### D. Topical Discussion Groups

A large number of sessions will be arranged to provide for small-group discussion of special topics. Members who would like to participate in such a group should send to the Program Chairman a 3 x 5 card with name on one side, and one or more topics of personal interest on the other side. Cards received soon after this announcement and up to whatever date it is necessary to set as a termination point will form the basis of topic selection. About five topics will be selected, and multiple sessions arranged for each. Farticipants will be assigned to a group in one of these topical areas in order of receipt of card. All groups will be limited to 25, with as many additional groups of 25 set up as needed. Hence, Topic A may have 3 groups, Topic B, 5 groups, etc. There is no absolute time limit on sending in requests for "reservations" in a group, but not many can be accommodated after April when the scheduling of the number of multiple sessions must be frozen. Individuals wishing to organize a group of their own on a given topic may do so, but should report it as early as possible to insure inclusion. Fuller details, including selected topics and lists of participants assigned to groups in each topical area, will be announced in Division 12 Newsletters. Participants will not be listed in APA program, hence no attendance pledge cards are required. Also, attendance is not obligatory, even after scheduling and assignment, except for the chairman of each group. Hence, participation in one of these groups is considered as being outside the intent of Policy D (extent of APA participation) and not limiting in regard to other APA participation. Arranging this frankly-experimental portion of the program within set time limits is a major undertaking and will require full cooperation and help from members.

#### E. Forum

At least one Forum session will be arranged for those who would like to present a proposition of any kind and get a quick general reaction. These propositions may be of any type; a new idea, a statement of perceived needs, forgotten goals, new concepts, apprehension regarding trends, new foci of research effort, convictions, notions, hunches, perceptions, etc. It is necessary only that the proposition can be stated clearly in a few declarative sentences.

Members who would like to avail themselves of the opportunity this Forum presents should send in a 3 x 5 card, name on one side, statement on the other. Statements will be screened for general interest and scheduled in order of receipt. There is no absolute dead-line, but schedule freezing in April will diminish chances of inclusion for statements submitted later. Submission of statements is a request for reservation of time. Attendance is not obligatory, hence no pledge card is required, and no inclusion under Policy D (extent of APA participation).

The Forum is conceived of as a completely "audience" session where any member (with advance notification) can try out briefly any notion which intrigues him, but for which he does not yet want to be held fully accountable -- any "first approximation." It is a

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trial-and error, stimulus-response session geared to move at a fast pace. Stimulus statements will be limited to a few sentences, audience response to five minutes. Speakers will be expected to remain afterward in room or corridor long enough for post-sessions contact of interested individuals.

#### F. Special Interests

Organization of groups sharing a similar work setting and a desire to get together will be accommodated if at all possible, as, e.g., those in clinics, tuberculosis hospitals, etc. Members wishing to organize or participate in such groups should notify the Program Chairman immediately. Participation in such groups will not come under Policy D.

As in the past years, Division 12 will share program time with the Society for Projective Techniques and Rorschach Institute. The official announcement and call for papers from that Society are presented below:

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Society for Projective Techniques and Rorschach Institute

Program Committee of the Society for Projective Techniques is announcing a call for papers for the 1954 annual meeting which will be held in conjection with the meetings of the American Psychological Association in New York. As in previous years, several events planned by the Society will be sponsored jointly by Division 12 of the APA and the Society.

The Program Committee is tentatively considering a program that will consist of several events:

- (a) Individual reports of research involving projective techniques.
- (b) Case conference workshops limited to small groups.
- (c) Symposia on technical problems involving projective techniques.
- (d) A visual aid program involving projective techniques.
- (e) An address by the President of the Society.

The Program Committee invites suggestions from all interested psychologists on other programs involving projective techniques that may be developed.

The present call for papers is to invite reports of research that will elucidate two critical problems in present-day psychology: (1) Sex differences (2) Normal personality. It is planned to have one session devoted to each of these topics. Psychologists who have been or are now engaged in research utilizing projective techniques in the study of sex differences or normal personality are invited to present their research at this convention of the Society.

Psychologists wishing to present research on these two topics must submit abstracts to Jules D. Holzberg, Connecticut State Hospital, Middletown, Connecticut by April 9. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words and should be submitted in triplicate on  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 paper. The abstract should indicate the problem, subjects, procedure, results and conclusions.

Program Committee, Mortimer M. Meyer L. Joseph Stone Jules D. Holzberg, Chairman

#### NOTES

The C. G. Jung Institute for Analytical Psychology in Zurich announces its Summer Program of studies (April 26, 1954 to June 13, 1954) and its schedule for the Winter semester (End of October 1954 to end of February 1955). The titles of projected courses may be obtained from the office of the Division Secretary. Full information concerning the program of the Institute is available from the Secretariat, C. G. Jung Institute, Gemeindestr. 27, Zurich 32.

### BALLOT

THE POLL CLOSES IN CHICAGO JUNE 1, 1954.

Amendment	I:	Article 1, Section 1: "The name of this organization shall be the Division of Clinical (and Abnormal) Psychology of the American Psychological Association."
		The words "and Abnormal" shall be omitted Yes No
Amendment	II:	Article 1, Section 2: "The purposes of this Division shall be to advance scientific inquiry and professional practice in clinical (and abnormal) psychology as a means of furthering human knowledge and welfare."
		The words "and abnormal" shall be omitted. Yes No
Amendment	III:	Article II, Section 1: "All members of the Division shall be members of the American Psychological Association, and shall be persons who are, at the time of their application actively engaged in practice, research, teaching, or study in the field of clinical (and abnormal) psychology. All classes of members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Division, except as otherwise specified by these By-Laws."
		the words "and abnormal" shall be omitted. Yes No
Amendment	IV:	Article II, Section 2, part (c): ("For designation in 'Fellow in Abnormal Psychology', either acceptable published research in abnormal psychology beyond the doctoral degree, or five years of acceptable professional experience in abnormal psychology subsequent to the granting of the doctoral degree.")
		This pathway to Fellowship shall be omitted. Yes No
Amendment	V:	Article II, Section 3, part (c): ("Satisfactory evidence of two years of experience in professional work that is psychological in character in the field of abnormal psychology.")
		This pathway to Associateship shall be omitted. YesNo
Amendment	VI:	Article II, Section 2, part (b): "For nomination as a Fellow in the Division satisfactory evidence of not less than five years of (successful full-time clinical practice, or its accumulated equivalent, yielding the presumption of professional competence in clinical psychology.")
1		The wording "relevant experience, or its accumulated equivalent" shall be substituted. Yes No
Amendment	VII:	Article II, Section 3, Part (b): "Satisfactory evidence of not less than two years of (successful full-time clinical experience, or its accumulated equivalent, such as to yield a presumption of reasonable competence in clinical psychology, or")
		The wording "relevant experience, or its accumulated equivalent" shall be substituted.  Yes No

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE POST-DOCTORAL TRAINING INSTITUTES FOR 1954

Plans have been completed for the holding of the 1954 Post-Doctoral Training Institutes at Teachers College, Columbia University, just prior to the APA Convention in New York City. The Institutes will get under way on the morning of August 26th and will continue through September 2. The APA meetings begin on September 4.

Tuition for the seminars will be \$50.00 payable on acceptance and enrollment. Since this fee is the same as that charged in past years, it demonstrates how well the Institutes have resisted inflationary pressures! Living quarters will be available on the Teachers College campus at rates of \$2.00, \$2.50, or \$3.00 per day. It is probable that those attending in the company of their children can obtain accommodations at the Kings Crown Hotel, only four blocks away. Those who wish to retain these rather more economical rooms during the APA meetings may do so; the trip from Columbia to the APA Headquarters in the Statler and New Yorker Hotels is about twenty minutes by subway. Dining facilities in the university area are adequate.

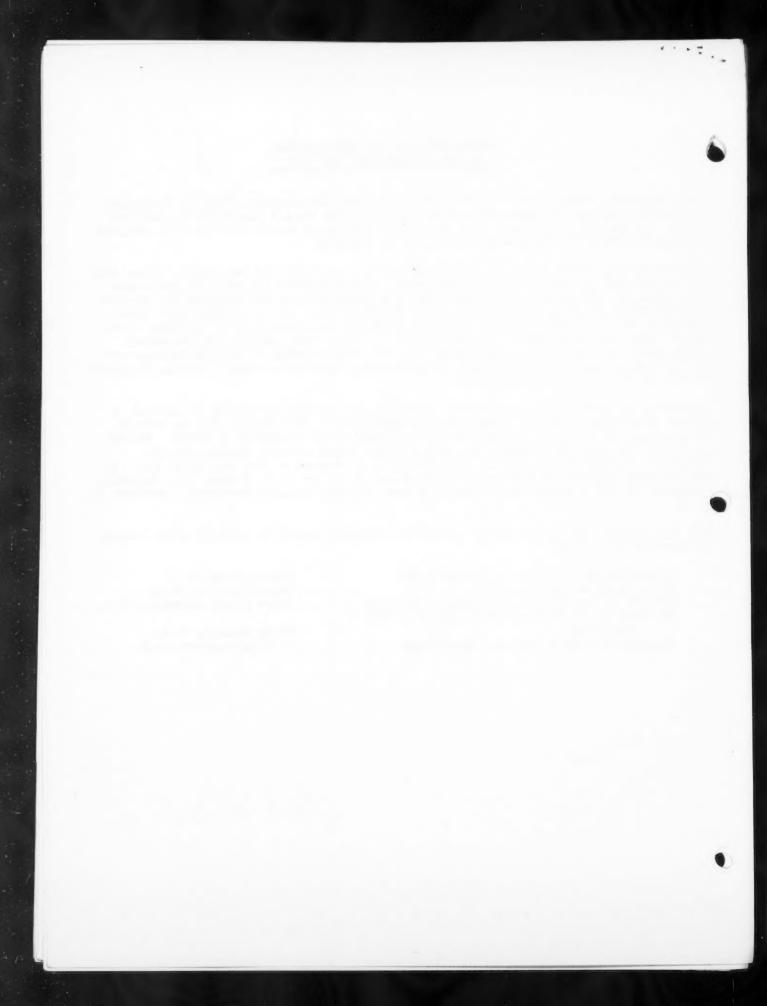
Attendance in each of the five courses scheduled for the 1954 Institutes is limited to twelve participants and the group leader or instructor. Participants must be members of Divisions 12 or 17 and hold either the doctorate or be diplomates of ABEPP. Fellows or Associates presently engaged in graduate study toward advanced degrees are not eligible. Because of the limited enrollment, it is imperative that applicants fill out the attached application form at once and return it to: Dr. E. J. Shoben, Jr., Chairman, Committee on Post-Doctoral Institutes, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York 27, N. Y.

The five courses available and the instructors who have agreed to serve as group leaders in them are as follows:

Principles and Problems in Psychotherapy
Group Dynamics for Clinicians
Methods of Supervision in Clinical Psychology
The Role of the Clinical Psychologist in the
Community
Research Methods in Clinical Psychology

Jerome Frank, M. D. Ronald Lippitt, Ph.D. Clare Wright Thompson, Ph.D.

Harry McNeill, Ph.D. J. R. Wittenborn, Ph.D.



#### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE POST-DOCTORAL TRAINING INSTITUTES 1954

I.	Name		
II.	. Address		
III.	I am a Fellow ( ) of Division(s) 12 ( ) Associate ( ) of Division(s) 17 ( )		
IV.	Highest degree in Psychology date from (institution)		
V.	Indicate the courses you are applying for, giving second and third choices if you can		
	1		
	2		
	3		
VI.	Describe your present position.		
	1. Title of position		
	2. Name and nature of organization		
	3. Nature and scope of your duties		
VII.	List the jobs you have held in clinical psychology during the past five years  1. Present position		
	2.		
	3.		
VIII.	State briefly your reasons for making application for this training.		
IX.	*Check for \$50.00 enclosed; Bill me		
	DateSignature		

Return to: DR. E. J. SHOBEN, JR., Chairman Committee on Post-Doctoral Institutes Teachers College, Columbia University New York 27, N. Y.

<sup>\*</sup> Checks should be made payable to the Division of Clinical and Abnormal Psychology. All money will be refunded if an applicant is not accepted.

